

**In the Claims:**

1-60 (Canceled).

61. (Currently Amended) A cigarette comprising:

a tobacco rod;

a filter element having an outer cylindrical shape connected to the tobacco rod, said filter element having an end proximal to the tobacco rod and an end distal from the tobacco rod;

a cavity defined by said filter element, and extending from the proximal end of the filter element, wherein the cavity possesses a generally conical shape at a first end and a generally cylindrical shape at a second end proximal to the tobacco rod; and

at least one breakable capsule disposed in the cavity, said capsule having contents,

wherein said filter element incorporates cellulose acetate treated in a manner that results in the filter element being sufficiently flexible to be squeezed to break said capsule while also being sufficiently resilient to return to a substantially cylindrical shape and maintain said cavity after being squeezed.

62. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 61 wherein the cellulose acetate incorporated in the filter element is treated by impregnation with triacetin plasticizer.

63. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim 62 61 wherein the cellulose acetate incorporated in the filter element is treated by steam bonding.

64. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 61 wherein said cavity includes a first region for receipt of the at least one breakable capsule and a second region for receipt of capsule contents following rupture of the capsule.

65. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 61 wherein the breakable capsule contains flavoring for mainstream smoke generated by the cigarette.

66. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim 61 wherein the filter element is formed from a single integral piece of material.

67. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim 61 67 wherein the cavity possesses an opening that is disposed in the end of the filter element proximal to the tobacco rod.

68. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 61 wherein the filter element comprises:  
an outer element of filter material; and  
an inner element of filter material, wherein said filter element inner element is crimped along an axial direction into a generally cross-shaped form.

69. (Canceled) ~~The cigarette of Claim 61 wherein the cavity possesses a generally conical shape.~~

70. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 61 wherein the breakable capsule contains a component capable of altering the overall composition of mainstream smoke generated by the cigarette.

71. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 61 wherein the cavity possesses a generally circular cross-sectional shape and a diameter of about 4 mm, and the capsule is generally spherical in shape and has a diameter of about 3.5 mm.

72. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 61 wherein the cavity possesses a longitudinal axis dimension of approximately half of the length of the filter element.

73. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim 68 wherein the inner element of the filter element comprises steam bonded cellulose acetate impregnated with triacetin plasticizer.

74. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim 62 64 wherein the filter element comprises:

an outer element of cellulose acetate filter material; and  
an inner element of steam bonded cellulose acetate filter material.

75. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 74 wherein the outer element of filter material is generally permeable to the passage of drawn mainstream smoke; and the inner element includes a crimped terminus.

76. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 61 wherein the breakable capsule contains a breath freshening agent.

77. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 61 wherein treatment of the filter element results in the cavity being tacky on an interior surface.

78. (Currently Amended) A cigarette comprising:  
a tobacco rod;  
a filter element connected to the tobacco rod, said filter element having an end proximal to the tobacco rod and an end distal from the tobacco rod;  
a cavity defined by said filter element, and extending into the filter element from the distal end of the filter element, wherein the cavity possesses a generally conical shape at a first end and a generally cylindrical shape at a second end distal from the tobacco rod;  
at least one breakable capsule disposed in the cavity, said capsule having contents; and  
a filter segment located at the end of the filter element distal from the tobacco rod,  
wherein said filter element incorporates cellulose acetate treated in a manner that results in the filter element being sufficiently flexible to be squeezed to break said capsule while also being sufficiently resilient to return to a substantially cylindrical shape and maintain said cavity after being squeezed.

79. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 78 wherein the cellulose acetate incorporated in the filter element is treated by impregnation with triacetin plasticizer.

80. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim 79 78 wherein the cellulose acetate incorporated in the filter element is treated by steam bonding.

81. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 78 wherein said cavity includes a first region for receipt of the at least one breakable capsule and a second region for receipt of capsule contents following rupture of the capsule.

82. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 78 wherein the breakable capsule contains flavoring for mainstream smoke generated by the cigarette.

83. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 78 wherein the filter element comprises:  
an outer element of filter material; and  
an inner element of filter material, wherein said filter element inner element is crimped along an axial direction into a generally cross-shaped form.

84. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim 83 wherein the inner element of the filter element comprises steam bonded cellulose acetate impregnated with triacetin plasticizer.

85. (Canceled) ~~The cigarette of Claim 78 wherein the cavity possesses a generally conical shape.~~

86. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim 79 78 wherein the filter element comprises:  
an outer element of cellulose acetate filter material; and  
an inner element of steam bonded cellulose acetate filter material.

87. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 86 wherein the outer element of filter material is generally permeable to the passage of drawn mainstream smoke; and the inner element includes a crimped terminus.

88. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 78 wherein the breakable capsule contains a breath freshening agent.

89. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 78 wherein treatment of the filter element results in the cavity being tacky on an interior surface.